

January 21, 1964

Sen. Eugene McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Because I respect you and believe you to be a person who looks facts in the face, I, as a private citizen, but former Director of CIA for almost a decade, am writing you this personal note.

Your article in The Saturday Evening Post, January 4-11, shocked and deeply disturbed me. I believe most of the "facts" as stated by you are inaccurate. What you say about CIA and Vietnam directly contradicts what President Kennedy said in his press conference on October 9. Most of the operations to which you refer fall within my period as Director. None of these were undertaken without approval at the highest policy level in all of their phases. CIA was here carrying out policy not making it.

The manner in which you refer to CIA employees as including "U-2 pilots and assassins" has profoundly shocked a body of devoted public servants.

At any time you wish, I would gladly discuss with you, point by point, the grave charges you have made. I am making this suggestion since I was the senior responsible CIA officer at the

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time many of the incidents to which you refer occurred.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of my book "The Craft of Intelligence", which was written of course many months ago before your charges were made. However, in Chapters XIV-XVII, the book deals with many of the basic issues you raise, particularly whether we should appropriately counter the Communist covert subversive drive to "bury" us.

Nothing that I have said here in this letter or would tell you personally relates to your position with regard to a Congressional watchdog committee. I respect your position here although I do not wholly agree with it.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles

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